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LOUISIANA COASTAL AREA COMPREHENSIVE COASTWIDE ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION STUDY (LCA)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

Louisiana has a set of strategies to restore its coastal ecosystem.

Coast 2050

A comprehensive study is underway by state and federal agencies to implement Coast 2050. *LCA*

Public meetings to discuss the LCA will take place in or near your community in February 2003. *LCA*

The effects of the LCA will be far reaching, so get involved, make a difference, be heard, be a part of implementing Coast 2050.

LCA

Meetings presented by:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District Governor's Office of Coastal Activities Louisiana Department of Natural Resources

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See websites: - http://www.coast2050.gov/lca

- http://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/prj/lca

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Public Meetings Schedule

Tuesday, February 4, 2003 - Belle Chasse, La. - 6:30 pm

Belle Chasse Municipal Auditorium

8398 Highway 23

Belle Chasse, La. 70037

HOSTS: Benny Rousselle, Plaquemine Parish President and Carleton Dufrechou, Executive Director of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation

This meeting will focus on study efforts in Pontchartrain, Breton, and Barataria Basins.

Thursday, February 6, 2003 - Larose, La. - 6:30 pm

Larose Civic Center

307 East Fifth St.

Larose, La. 70373

HOST: Kerry St. Pe, Executive Director Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program

This meeting will focus on study efforts in Barataria, Terrebonne, Atchafalaya, and Teche-Vermilion Basins.

Monday, February 10, 2003 - Morgan City, La. - 6:30 pm

Morgan City Municipal Auditorium

728 Myrtle St.

Morgan City, La. 70380

HOST: State Senator Butch Gautreaux, District 21

This meeting will focus on study efforts in Terrebonne, Atchafalaya, Teche-Vermilion, Mermentau, and Calcasieu/Sabine Basins.

Wednesday, February 12, 2003 - Lake Charles, La. - 6:30 pm

Lake Charles Civic Center

900 Lakeshore Drive

Lake Charles, La. 70601

HOST: Mayor Randy Roach and Tina Horn, Cameron Parish Police Jury

This meeting will focus on study efforts in the Mermentau and Calcasieu/Sabine Basins.

Meeting Format

This will be an interactive, facilitated meeting covering the following material.

LCA Public Involvement Process:

How YOU can participate in future public meetings, outreach efforts, stakeholder groups, the interactive website, and direct correspondence.

The next series of public meetings are scheduled for April and May 2003.

Brochures with an overview of the study will be available at the meetings and on the websites.

Description Of LCA Project:

Background – An explanation of how the **LCA** evolved from the Coast 2050 Plan. The **LCA** is intended to gain statewide and national commitment to establishment of a large-scale coastal restoration program.

Study Process - An explanation of how the **LCA** will develop alternatives and recommend a plan of action for coastal restoration.

Status Of Project: A description of results so far. Keystone Strategies selected from the Coast 2050 Plan Measures developed to implement strategies Restoration targets
Current land loss rate and projected future loss Range of alternatives developed

Rationale for development of alternatives

Public Questions and Comments: Members of the public will be given the opportunity to ask questions and comment on any aspect of the study.